Revival of M/s. Jessop

1312. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR has circulated a draft scheme for revival of M/s Jessop, costing Rs. 105 crore excluding reliefs/concessions/sacrifice;

(b) whether the package has the consent of a reputed consultant, lead bank/operating agency, the management and the trade unions;

(c) if so, whether the same has been approved with financial inputs, as envisaged in the schemes as mentioned in (a) above; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Revival package has been worked out by a Consultant. Consent/suggestions on the scheme are to be indicated to BIFR by the concerned parties.

(c) and (d) The Government has accepted most of the reliefs and concessions, fresh infusion of funds of Rs. 25 crore, funds required for rationalisation of manpower and has decided to explore options for revival.

Industries Development and Regulation Act

1313. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to delink more industries from the purview of the Industries Development and Regulation Act;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the number of industries still left under the purview of Industrial Regulation Act; and

(d) the details about other measures taken to enhance the image of India as a favoured destination for foreign direct investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The Government have not decided to delink any industry from the purview of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. However, some industries have been exempted from the licensing provisions of the Act. At present only 9 industries are included in the list for compulsory licensing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 38 industries were included in the First Schedule of the I(D&R) Act, 1951 and as on date all these industries are under the purview of the I(D&R) Act.

(d) The Government have liberalised policy and procedure relating to foreign direct investment/foreign technology agreement through the installation of a automatic approval system and Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). In addition all except 9 industries have been exempted from Licensing Provisions under the I(D&R) Act, 1951.

Increase in public sector units liabilities

1314. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Pending projects swell as PSU liabilities mount" which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 28th June, 1997; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The action being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government vary from project to project and time to time. The fresh initiatives taken by the Govern-

ment for achieving the said targets of project implementation are (i) introduction of on-line monitoring system (ii) prioritisation of projects within available resources (iii) weeding out/privatisation of project making slow progress and (iv) more emphasis on accountability in project implementation through the system of Memorandam of Understanding between Govt. and the Chief Executives of project implementing agencies.

Projects received from individual entrepreneurs by KVIC

1315. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects from the individual entrepreneurs received by the different State Offices of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission after the adoption of the project approach by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission;

(b) the number of projects cleared by the different industry directorates in the Central offices of the KVIC;

(c) the number of projects cleared by the different industry directorates and the Banking Division of the KVIC and sanctioned by Standing Finance Committee; and

(d) the number of entrepreneurs who have received actual payment from the KVIC against the projects submitted by them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) After adoption of project approach, as per information received from State offices of K.V.I.C., 719 projects from individual entrepreneurs have been received so far.

(b) From all over India so far 523 projects pertaining to individual entrepreneurs have been received by various industry directorates in the K.V.I.C. Central office, Mumbai. Out of this, 165 projects have been technically cleared by the various industry directorates.

(c) 105 projects cleared by different industry directorates have been sent to Banking Division. Out of 105 projects, 35 projects have been cleared by Banking Division, 16 projects have finally been sanctioned by the Standing Finance Committee.

(d) Two entrepreneurs, who have submitted complete sets of loan documents have received funds from K.V.I.C.

Complaints against officials of MUL

1316. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints against certain officials of Maruti Udhyog Limited; and

(b) if so, the details and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the following cases are under trial in the Court of Special Judge, Delhi, relating to complaints pertaining to the period when Maruti Udyog Limited was a Government company:—

1. CBI case No. RC1(A)/92 ACU-IV regarding allotment of 13 vehicles at pre-budget prices.
2. CBI case No. RC2(A)/94 ACU-V regarding regular award of contract for transportation of SKD & CKD components from Kandla Port to Gurgaon.
3. CBI case No. RC3(A)/92 ACU-V regarding award of contract for supply of shock absorbers to M/s. Hydraulics Ltd.